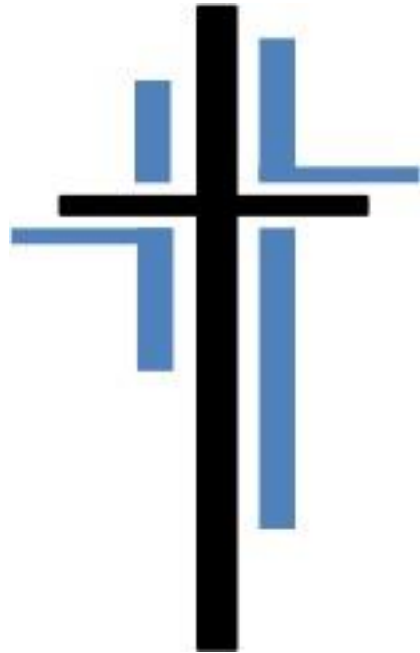


Email Blast for February 26



1st Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

February 26, 2023

Hearing God's Call & Responding in Love,
We Share Jesus With All!

FROM PASTOR ED

As our 40 days of Lent begin, we remember Jesus 40 days in the wilderness. We are told that it was a time of fasting and prayer for Jesus where he was tempted by the devil. Lent is for us an especially spiritual time as well, where we may choose to engage in some kind of discipline (like fasting) to focus on our relationship with our God. As Jesus overcame the devil's temptations, what can we learn about Jesus, and about ourselves? How can our 40 days of Lent bring us closer to God and to one another?

OUR SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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Prelude

Marvelous Grace

Joyce Wanamaker

You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Call To Worship

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,

C: **for in you I put my trust.**

P: teach me the way I should go,

C: **for to you I lift up my soul.**

Confession and Forgiveness

All: As we begin Lent, we remember that our Lord Jesus Christ did more than keep the commandments; he fulfilled the law as he opened his life in love to the world around him. Teach us not to hide behind the commandments. As we seek your forgiveness and mercy, may it be, not that we may be held blameless before you, but that we may be filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus who lived life fully by allowing your love to flow in him. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority; I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW # 320, v. 1 & 4

Liturgy Setting 4

ELW p. 147

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

All: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pack Away the Alleluias

Pastor Ed

Reception of New Members

Anthem

He Is Lord

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Old Testament p. 2

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 (congregation chants responsively)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is¹ put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there¹ is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away,
because of my groaning¹ all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the¹ heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt¹ of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they¹ shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts¹ of deliverance.

⁸**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that¹ you should go;**

I will guide you¹ with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will¹ not stay near you.”

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust¹ in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are¹ true of heart.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

New Testament p. 148

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

New Testament p. 3

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW # 504, v. 1 & 2

Profession of Faith–Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: Liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in

thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

Holy Communion

ELW p. 152

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Distribution

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

*When Peace Like a River
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

ELW # 785

ELW # 325

ELW # 623

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW # 618, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude *Fantasia on "Washed in the Blood"* Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford
Greeters/Ushers Bob & Karole Karls
Liturgist Tracey Atzeni
Lector..... Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Michael Wagner
Coffee Fellowship..... Evangelism

COMING THIS WEEK

February 26-March 5

Today		NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	New Members Reception
Tuesday	9:40 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteers
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	9:40 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteers
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	9:40 a.m.	Community for Christ Volunteers
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Nancy Williams—eye infection
Carolyn Garrett
Linda Kimberling

Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Martin Barreiro—health concerns (friend of Wendy Blomberg)
Betty Buss—under hospice care (Gail Kruse’s mother)
Delynn & Nancy Hurley (friends of Kornfeinds)
Dave Huntley—heart attack (friend of Wendy Blomberg)
Dana Anderson—cancer (friend of Curchys and Wanamakers)
Pastor Kimberly Cunningham—cancer (Teri Stout’s sister)
Helen Marx—new onset of cancer (mother of Allan & Sally Burke’s son-in-law)
Bruce & Cindy Hedgepeth, as they work in Dominican Republic for Young Life Ministries
Shane Foster—stroke (brother-in-law of Cindy and Al Mohling)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Pam Babcock	Debbie Hanshaw	Steve O’Connor
Cody Blasberg	Linda Harris	Mike Page
Marcille Bohling	Bryan Hastings	Rev. Bill Peterson
Shirley Clark	Mike Holmes	Ron Roberts
Evelyn Clements	Marianne Howley	Marcia Robbins
Emma	CF Huff	Dan Rogers
Mary Beth Fair	Teresa Joslin	Karen Tischnor
Ron Ferguson	Marsha Kidwell	Ellie Torres
Stacey Flect	Blanch Lacroix	Bernie Wiegel
Barbara & Bob Gislason	Barry Mabe	Larry Wilson
Carla Glusing	Terry Miller	Jody Ziehl
Jerry Hansen	Larry Mausbach	

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock	Tanner Glodt	Jordan Lindeman
Eric Blomberg	Kristine Hubbard	Glenn Maddock
Ben Brammeier	Jason Ites	Tristan Morgan
Shade Bullock	Jason Judge	Adam Peterson
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill	Adam Kralina	Trent Simmons
Aaron Davis	Matt Lee	

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 26

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Don Vinduska & Liz VanDeVeire

WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sound room. We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship (and donuts!) after the service. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please include your address and phone number on the Red Friendship Pad and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor Ed at the end of the service.

CARE CORE for February is Cindy Mohling, 319-269-9853; for March is Kathy Fair, 319-350-2901.

40 DAYS OF GIVING....LET'S NOT GIVE UP FOR LENT.....LET'S GIVE! In Lent we often think about what we are going to give up for the 40 days of Lent; are we going to give up Chocolate? Smoking? Soda? TV? Social media? But this year let's focus on 40 DAYS OF GIVING. What we can GIVE instead for 40 days.

Each day we can give something. It doesn't necessarily have to come with a financial cost. Oh, yes, we can make a donation or contribution to our favorite charity. But it can be a gift of your talent or time as well. It can be as simple as giving a smile to someone. Give a compliment. Give a prayer for someone. Or give a card to someone to let them know you're thinking about them. Give an hour of your time to your favorite charity. The list is endless....

Whether you give of yourself, your treasures, your time,
Can you for 40 days let your light continue to shine?
Volunteering or just helping a friend
The more it is done, it can become a trend.
Your time given to others can show that you care.
It is so important to give Love to share.
Hopefully each will take a look at what they can do
Forty days isn't so long - let your light shine through!

So, what can you do each day for 40 days to shine your light? Think outside the box. You'll be blessed by how many ways that you can Give and be a blessing to others!

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. we will worship together in the sanctuary. The theme is "Amazing Grace." Each week we will explore someone in the Bible who experienced amazing grace. Following the services will be a potluck meal and lots of fellowship. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST This is Kent's week to volunteer your time at Community for Christ on Tuesday Feb. 28, Thur. March 2nd and Sat. March 4th. **We need 3 to 4 helpers** in retail, in addition to men working downstairs. Really need volunteer help, many of our warm weather volunteers are now somewhere else for the winter. Thanks to all that have volunteered and to those who want to try for the first time. A reminder that Community for Christ is an outreach center, operated by volunteers, supported by seven Churches from the West Side. Again, **please signup!**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP *Love Abides!* grief support group will gather at Kent on March 9, 3pm. It will be a laid back and comfortable time to honor those we are grieving, share ways we can cope with our feelings and the challenges our losses have brought us, and examine what resources our faith and our church family can bring to our experience of loss. See the March newsletter for more information.

PROPERTY HAS FREE FIREWOOD Anyone needing firewood, there is still a large pile of cut to length firewood located by the pageant area; also there is some back behind the garage and behind the church by the worship area. There will probably be more in the future. If you have a friend or neighbor that needs wood, let me know and I will put them on a list, to be contacted if church members don't take it all. -Lynn Burke, Chair

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Bev Kidder will be held May 6, 10:00 a.m., at City Light Church, 4383 Nicholas St., Omaha, NE 68131. Please RSVP to Sandy Lucks, 402-570-9755, if attending.

2023 GIVING ENVELOPES STILL DELAYED In the meantime, there are envelopes in the Gathering Place for your use (look for the butterfly). Please write your envelope number and/or your name on the envelope. That will ensure your giving appears on your statement at the end of 2023. If you wish your offering to go somewhere besides the general fund, please be sure that is noted. Questions may be directed to Gail Kruse or Jane Maher.

IT'S EASTER PAGEANT TIME Every Easter morning we present our annual pageant, "He Is Risen." We need lots of cast members, both speaking and non-speaking parts. If you're interested in being in the cast of the Annual Easter Pageant – both men and women – please see Gail Kruse.

KEEP SAVING THOSE POP TABS Hurricane Deck Kindergarteners are again collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia, which serves our local community. Tabs off of tuna cans, soup cans, soda cans, any metal tabs will work. Bring them to Kent by March 26. A basket for them is in the fellowship hall.